

himself as powerless as the weakest of his predecessors. His resignation involved the submission of the Constitution to the people. Our Constitution, framed upon the English model, embraces the English system in the master of impeachments; but ours is more direct and explicit in the manner in which it is to be used. The Senate, in the two hours of an adverse vote of the Commons disposes the English Ministry, and the King or Queen appoints a new set of ministers, in accordance with the vote and the will of the country. With us the Cabinet is not dissolved by adverse votes of the Commons or House of Representatives; but the President and Cabinet, in pushing their hostility to a use of the exclusive powers of Congress, may be impeached by the House, and removed on conviction by the Senate. The security of the Constitution against Congress is in the people and in their election every two years of a House of Representatives, with one-third of the Senate, by the States.

Hence the safety of the sovereign power of the government in Congress. Nor does this sovereign power over the President depend upon his conviction by the Senate. An amendment of Madison is made by the Senate, a concurrent resolution, that Mr. Johnson cannot be suspended; but we think it proves, if anything, that he can be. We have had, however, of the constitutional opinions of Madison, in his elaborate discussion in their State, his labours, and their disastrous consequences, as developed in the State rights of sovereignty, secession and rebellion. A terrible war has washed out all those theories. We live in an age, too, of common schools, common sense, railroads, steamships and telegraphs. We have safely passed the first and severest ordeal of a great political revolution. Certain great issues have been decided, and they must now be established in the government, and the party charged with this responsibility must go to pieces. Andrew Johnson blocks the way. He must be impeached, and his authority, as well as his right to authority, will fall into disgrace, and the Executive, who chose to fill the people can reach him, may be President or King, prophesied by Mr. Seward.

When brought before the Senate for trial Mr. Johnson, as the prisoner at the bar before that high court, may be suspended or be permitted nominally to hold his office, as on his parole of honor. He will probably be allowed his parole, in view of a strong desire to have him suspended. It is not to be assumed that he will be ten or fifteen days. The broad charge of usurpation and the specifications in reference to his assumptions of the law-making power over the rebel States will be ample enough for all the process. The case will be heard by the Senate, and the court, in his famous off-hand inaugural address in the Senate, or the stump speech of his Chicago pilgrimage, or the apprehension of the New Orleans masses, or the apprehension of a Southern army to be sent to offer, or his revocation of certain orders of Gen. Siegel, thereby reviving the negro whipping-post and one-nine-tails of the old North Carolina slave code. On his broad shoulders, recent events will have been im- peached, tried, convicted and removed within the limit of ten days. Nor will his removal stir up another civil war, or set the Potomac on fire. He will go off as quietly as John Tyler went off from the White House, and left him.

Our belligerent copperhead organs, therefore, may stop their senseless clamor; the Manhattan Club may suspend their boxings up of rifles and bases; the New York Times may stop their call for a military trial to Washington; the Hon. James Brooks may hang up his Chinese wasp-waist; the Hon. Horace Greeley and the Hon. Mr. Biggs, the poor, quiet, kindly, timid, practical leaders on our side, may feel easy; the Millertonites may get on their white cotton robes for the day of judgment; but the Angel Gabriel will not for some time yet wake up old Oliver Cromwell. With Andrew Johnson's removal, the rebellion will be quelled for the present, probably five, yes, fifty thousand men in the United States ready, if called upon, and competent to take his place. Take off the official name of Lincoln, and the people see that it is only "Andy Johnson."

THE NEW RECONSTRUCTION BILL.

Mr. STEWART, from the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, reported a bill to provide for the more efficient government of the insurrectionary States, the bill was read in detail, and is as follows:

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT OF THE INSURRECTIONARY STATES.

That the president of the United States shall be directed to military districts and made subject to the military authority of the United States as hereinafter prescribed; and for that purpose Virginia shall constitute the First district; North Carolina and South Carolina the Second district; Georgia, Alabama and Florida the Third district; Mississippi and Arkansas the Fourth district; and Louisiana and Texas the Fifth district.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the president to call the General of the army to assign to the command of each of said districts an officer of the regular army not below the rank of brigadier general, and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such officer to perform his duties and exercise his authority in the district to which he is assigned.

Section 3. And it be further enacted, That it shall be the duty of each officer, assigned as aforesaid to any such district, in the rights of persons and property, to suppress insurrection, disorder and violence, and to punish, or cause to be punished, all disturbers of the public peace and criminals; and to this end, he may, in his discretion, take such jurisdiction of and try all offenders, or whom in his judgment it may be necessary for the trial of offenders, he shall have power to organize military commissions or tribunals for that purpose, anything in the Constitution and laws of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding, and all legislative and judicial proceedings or processes to prevent or control the proceedings of said military tribunals and all interferences by said districts of State governments with the same.

And it be further enacted, That no civil officer of the United States shall not be liable for the expenses incurred in the defense of any person who, in the district whereupon the person is detained, shall enforce upon said person a statement certifying, upon honor, that he has knowledge of or information, as to the cause and circumstances of the alleged detention, and that he believes it to be the duty of the law to further that he believes that the endorsed petition is preferred in good faith and in furtherance of justice; and, not to hinder or delay the trial of criminal offenders, or to prevent the military arm of this act shall be construed to interfere with the execution of this act, so far as it may be construed to interfere with the trial of offenders.

And it be further enacted, That no sentence of habeas corpus in behalf of persons captured under any color of law, or in any case in which the district whereupon the person is detained shall enforce upon said petition a statement certifying, upon honor, that he has knowledge of or information, as to the cause and circumstances of the alleged detention, and that he believes it to be the duty of the law to further that he believes that the endorsed petition is preferred in good faith and in furtherance of justice; and, not to hinder or delay the trial of criminal offenders, or to prevent the military arm of this act shall be construed to interfere with the execution of this act, so far as it may be construed to interfere with the trial of offenders.

The bill having been read by Mr. Stewart, inquiry was made of the Speaker what would be the effect of the House adjourning now.

The Speaker said that if the House adjourned now, the proposed bill would be the first thing in order to-morrow. After the reading of the journal it would continue before the House until disposed of.

The bill was read twice and ordered to be printed.

SENATOR TAYLOR was entertained with a memorial from loyal citizens of Louisiana, asking for the establishment of a new State government, in order to free themselves from rebel despotism. In a speech on the occasion in the Senate, he said:

"I know we have proposed a Constitutional Amendment for the re-admission of the States in the Union, and to propose a new one, I do not know.

"I know we have proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which would not remedy the existing evils in the South, or the condition of things there.

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